



# BELIEVE IN NEWARK **POLICE**

An overview to the Newark Police Department

# MESSAGE FROM MAYOR **BARAKA**



## **Dear Residents and Visitors:**

Public Safety is of the highest priority in Newark, and we have treated it as such since taking office on July 1, 2014. We immediately took action to address the needless tragedy that crime causes with anti-crime initiatives to increase community engagement, including Community Roll Calls, Neighborhood Walks, and working to provide our police officers with new technology like a Real Time Crime Center and body cameras.

All of these initiatives have had a measurable impact on crime in Newark and have enhanced our efforts to connect the Newark Police Department with the residents they are sworn to protect and serve.

We recognize that we cannot simply “arrest” our way out of crime. We must provide residents with alternatives to crime and violence. Our residents want and deserve jobs and career opportunities, which enable them to become productive citizens. To this end, we are working to remove abandoned buildings that create unsafe conditions in communities and become home to criminal activities. We are enforcing liquor and tavern licenses to ensure that these establishments uphold the law. And, finally, Our Re-Entry Program is working to break the cycle of recidivism, to ensure that ex-offenders returning to Newark can find jobs.

All of these measures are holistic in approach, unified in action, and share a common goal: to transform Newark into a City we can all believe in.

—Ras J. Baraka, *Mayor*



# MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR VENABLE



## Dear residents:

Since Mayor Ras Baraka took office and appointed me as police director in 2014, I have stressed the importance of engaging the community in our efforts to fight crime. This is why the Neighborhood Walks and Community Roll Calls are so important. It gives police leadership an opportunity to visit the neighborhoods, interact with residents, and address concerns immediately.

We have seen dramatic progress in reducing crime: Between July 1 and November 30 of this year, we reduced Robberies by **17 percent**, Carjackings by **51 percent**, Homicides, by **30 percent**, Auto Thefts by **20 percent**, and Burglaries by **6 percent**. These are important gains.

I am proud to announce that we have also welcomed **35 new officers** onto the force, **put 72 percent** of our officers out on the street, and have also opened a new precinct to make us more efficient and pro-active.

While we are increasing our police presence, we still need you to be our eyes and ears in the community. If you see something, say something. Use our **1-877-NWK-TIPS** line, and you can earn cash rewards for bringing criminals to justice.

If you have a complaint or concern, don't hesitate to contact me or our re-organized Internal Affairs Office in City Hall. We will make sure your complaints get addressed.

Through this publication we hope you will learn more about our community outreach, new police initiatives and why you should believe in Newark police.

—Eugene Venable, *Police Director*

# YOU NEED TO KNOW US

Community Service Officers can help with your quality of life concerns from connecting you with support services or helping you set up a Neighborhood Watch for your block association. The Chief of Police is responsible for all officers you may come across. The Deputy Director is next in command to the Police Director. Get to know them!



## **Deputy Director John Arnold**

has been in law enforcement for over 27 years. He comes from a legacy of Newark police officers. His father, Lieutenant John C. Arnold, Sr.,

is a retired Newark police officer and the Deputy Director aspires to emulate the same dedication his father gave to the citizens of Newark. "It's most rewarding to me when I can help bring closure to tragedies that citizens may endure. It gives me a sense of satisfaction," says Arnold.

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## **Chief of Police Anthony Campos**

joined the Newark Police Department upon graduating from East Side High School, ultimately being appointed as the youngest Chief of

Police in the history of the Department. He has ascended through every rank in the agency, and has commanded every precinct in the city.

"Police officers risk their lives every single day and that would not be possible if they weren't optimistic, and as a result, tremendously dedicated," says Campos.

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# Community Service Officers



## 2ND PRECINCT

### **Detective Joseph Bernal**

"What I love most about the NPD is that I get to serve my community with the respect and integrity that our residents deserve. I educate and guide our children in preventive workshops, while encouraging discipline and knowledge commensurate with the reality in which we live and work in the City of Newark."

bernalj@ci.newark.nj.us  
973-733-6080



## 3RD PRECINCT

### **Detective Michele Cote**

"One of my dearest friends who is also a member of the Newark Police Department advised me to join the NPD. Seeing how much pride and enjoyment he displayed in working for this City and its residents made it so enticing. So I signed up, passed the test and have been part of this great police department since 1996."

cotem@ci.newark.nj.us  
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## 4TH PRECINCT

### **Detective Michael Beasley**

"When people come to me with a problem, almost always I can find a solution to their problem. Sometimes it's a creative solution to solving the problem with limited resources. That's the fun part. The challenge makes it interesting."

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## 5TH PRECINCT

### **Detective Russell K. Thomas**

Fortunately for me the South Ward has quite a few dynamic Block/Tenant Associations including the South Ward Police Community Relations Council which shows that the police and the community can work together for the betterment of our community dispelling the notion that community policing can't work in major cities."

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# HOW WE'RE INCREASING POLICE PRESENCE



The City of Newark has developed a series of reforms and new policies in the Newark Police Department that will enable the force to save money, increase efficiency and provide a noticeable rise in police presence. We have made immense strides in creating a safer city by doing the following:

- Created a 1st Precinct in the Central Ward, adding another **60** officers to a hot spot crime area
- Added **35** new police recruits to the Department, the first class since 2010
- Added **15** more officers with a grant from COPS Hiring Program
- Will hire **more than 100** more police officers in 2015
- Deployed **72** percent of police officers on street patrol in neighborhoods

# HOW WE'RE MAKING NEWARK SAFER

- **The Newark Violence Reduction Initiative** is a specialized unit that targets areas that have been prone to violence and addresses those incidents and restores peace.
- **The Fugitive Apprehension Team** focuses on wanted persons, often working in partnership with county, state, and federal agencies to bring them to justice.
- **The “Walk and Ride” program** has our officers patrol areas by car, and then get out of their vehicles and perform a foot patrol. This enhances their connection with the community, understanding of the people, and our Department's visibility.
- **The Real Time Crime Center** enables us to observe neighborhoods in real time, and focus on situations and incidents as they develop or warrant attention with cutting-edge technology.
- The **Model Neighborhood Program** addresses abandoned buildings and other public safety hazards.
- **Re-entry programs** provide jobs and training for ex-offenders, enabling them to return to society as productive citizens.
- **Firearms Recovery Team** recovered 738 guns this year, which contributed to a reduction in violent crimes across the board.
- **Emergency Response Teams** have added additional patrols to address violence in neighborhoods and build closer relationships with the community.

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SOURCE: NEWARK POLICE DEPT.

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# WHAT'S NEW IN POLICING?

We are all united in this struggle to make our City a safer place for every visitor and resident. Together we will make our City safe, and from that safer City everything else will flow—economic development, community health and well-being, effective schools, and unity among our people. In our first 100 days in office, we have made immense strides in creating a safer city as evidence by the following:

- Decreasing response time to serious crimes
- Apprehending more than **130** suspects
- Putting **72** percent of our officers out on the streets

## Taking a Holistic Approach

We are doing more than just “arresting” our way out of crime. We are working to:

- **Remove abandoned buildings** that create unsafe conditions.
- **Enforce liquor and tavern licenses** to ensure that these establishments uphold the law.
- **Provide Re-Entry Programs** to break the cycle of recidivism.



- **Create safe passages** on high traffic corridors.
- **Impose code enforcement** to crack down on quality of life offenders.
- **Connect ex-offenders** with services to deter them from crime.

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

## Neighborhood Walks

This summer Mayor Ras J. Baraka and the top ranking police officials and department heads began Neighborhood Walks, where they walked through the streets of Newark to witness firsthand the quality of life issues that are affecting residents. These included abandoned buildings that have become eyesores, health hazards, and home to squatters and drug dealers, for example. The Mayor and the police spoke to residents directly about their concerns and called in code enforcement or sanitation as needed.

The Neighborhood Walks gained the attention of non-Newark residents, like New York Giants punter Steve Weatherford who, while on a walk, donated 750 smoke detectors to residents.

During another Neighborhood Walk, State Acting Attorney General John J. Hoffman joined alongside city officials, clergy members, and other dignitaries to address crime and quality-of-life issues. The most important aspect of these Neighborhood Walks is that they bring together the residents of Newark and the law enforcement officers who are committed to serving with the highest quality of service.

To get involved, call Community Affairs 973-694-6301.



NY Giants Steve Weatherford greets residents with smoke detectors.



Police Director Venable listens to resident's concerns.



Police Chief Campos meets with residents.

# KNOW YOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT



The Newark Police Department is entrusted to protect and serve the City of Newark by securing neighborhoods, business districts and municipal assets. The NPD not only combats crime and maintains order, but strengthens relationships with resident, neighborhood and business organizations.

The Newark Police Department includes the following divisions:

- **Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (ABC Board)** maintains the files and records of liquor licenses, regulates the sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages of each licensee, and ensures that all licensees follow the state and municipal laws, rules and regulations governing their operation. **(973) 733-6445**
- **Criminal Investigations** identifies and apprehends criminals and recovers stolen property. The division also follows up on all offenses and is divided into four components: Major Crimes Bureau; General Investigations; Narcotics; and the Property and Evidence Bureau. **(973) 733-4339**
- **Division of Taxicab** handles regulation, laws, training of taxi drivers and supervision of the taxi inspector. **(973) 733-8912**





- **Internal Affairs Bureau** investigates all police and civilian employee candidates, supervises special police officers, handles civilian complaints that require internal investigations, and manages the subpoena control function. **(973) 733-6171/6175**
- **License Unit** provides gun permit applications. **(973) 733-6063**
- **Patrol Division** responds to residents' request for service; apprehends offenders; prevents crime; collects evidence, and maintains order within the community. The division is comprised of five Police District Commands and a Tactical Patrol Bureau. **(973) 733-3617**
- **Records and Communications Bureau** collects and classifies all police reports, warrants, traffic records and

offense reports. The Communications Bureau is divided into four sections, including Teletype, Computer-Aided Radio Dispatch, Technical Staff, and the Police Signal System. **(973) 733-6029**

- **Special Operations Bureau** was developed as the result of an administrative need to achieve a greater degree of efficiency, provides inter-unit training programs, allocates manpower, and coordinates the response of service. **(973) 733-6050**
- **Youth and Community Service Bureau** provides services to juvenile offenders as well as their families and makes referrals for rehabilitative treatment of juvenile delinquents. The bureau is comprised of the Youth Aid Unit, the Truancy Task Force, Sexual Assault Rape Analysis (SARA) Unit and the Missing Persons Unit. **(973) 733-6090**



Officers on one of the many community neighborhood walks.

# AT YOUR SERVICE

The Newark Police Department has precincts and substations throughout the City of Newark. The substations not only provide the services of a regular police precinct, but they also double as a community resource center.



## **1st Precinct**

10 17th Ave  
Newark, NJ 07103  
(973) 733-6060

**Commander:** Captain Camilo Mos



## **2nd Precinct**

1 Lincoln Ave  
Newark, NJ 07109  
(973) 733-6080

**Commander:** Captain Jose Gonzalez



## **3rd Precinct**

649 Market St  
Newark, NJ 07105  
(973) 733-6190

**Commander:** Captain Joseph Pereira



## **4th Precinct**

247 16th Ave  
Newark NJ 07106  
(973) 733-6174

**Commander:** Captain Wilfredo Mercado



## **5th Precinct**

480 Clinton Ave  
Newark, NJ 07108  
(973) 733-6070

**Commander:** Captain Marvin Easter

## **4th Precinct Substation**

760 South Orange Ave  
973-373-0484  
Hours: 7AM-11PM

## **5th Precinct Substation**

1049 Bergen St  
973-424-4297  
Hours: 8AM-12AM

## **Ivy Hill Substation**

471 Irvington Ave  
973-375-0493  
Hours: 8AM-4PM

## **Internal Affairs**

City Hall  
920 Broad St.  
Rooms 406-407  
Newark, NJ 07102  
Hours: 9am-11pm, M-F



# THREE WAYS TO FILE A REPORT

**1** Call the non-emergency line to issue a report by calling 973-733-6000.

**2** Go to your local precinct (See page 12 for listing).

**3** Email your community service officer:

<b>2nd Precinct</b>	Joseph Bernal	<a href="mailto:bernalj@ci.newark.nj.us">bernalj@ci.newark.nj.us</a>
<b>3rd Precinct</b>	Michele Cote	<a href="mailto:cotem@ci.newark.nj.us">cotem@ci.newark.nj.us</a>
<b>4th Precinct</b>	Michael Beasley	<a href="mailto:beasleym@ci.newark.nj.us">beasleym@ci.newark.nj.us</a>
<b>5th Precinct</b>	Russell Thomas	<a href="mailto:thomasr@ci.newark.nj.us">thomasr@ci.newark.nj.us</a>



**Nextdoor** is a free private social network for neighborhoods to build stronger, safer communities with the help of Newark residents. Neighbors share community events, recommendations,

garage sales, and crime/safety concerns. The City of Newark, the Newark Police Department, and Nextdoor neighborhoods work together to increase safety and strengthen the virtual neighborhood watch. Connect through Nextdoor by visiting [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com)





# CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

Crime prevention is not just a job for law enforcement, it is everyone's responsibility. Learn how to protect yourself by following these helpful tips.

## AT HOME

- Lock all doors and windows.
- Use a timer to turn lights on and off when you are away for extended periods of time.
- Notify neighbors and the police when going away on a trip. Cancel deliveries and ask a neighbor to collect your mail.
- Don't hesitate to report crime or suspicious activities.
- If you arrive at home and suspect a stranger may be inside, DO NOT GO IN. Leave quietly and call 911 to report the crime.

## WALKING

- If you are attacked on the street, make as much noise as you can while calling for help or blowing a whistle. Do not pursue your attacker. Call 911 and report the crime.
- Avoid walking alone at night, especially in high risk areas.
- Always walk with a friend, even during the daytime.
- Always plan your route and stay alert to your surroundings.



## IN YOUR CAR

- At stop signs and traffic lights, keep the car in gear.
- Travel well-lit and busy streets. Plan your route.
- Don't leave your purse on the seat beside you; put it on the floor, where it is more difficult for someone to grab it.
- When returning to your car, check the front and back seat before entering.



**1877-NWK-TIPS** 1-877-695-8477

# RECOGNIZE THE UNIFORMS

Know the NAME of the officer

Recognize the SEAL for  
authenticity

Get the BADGE number

Check the EXPERIENCE  
(ea. stripe = 5 years of service)







**CITY OF NEWARK**

Ras J. Baraka, Mayor

#### **MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

**Mildred C. Crump**, *Council President/Council Member-at-Large*

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**Carlos M. Gonzalez**, *Council Member-at-Large*

**John Sharpe James**, *Council Member, South Ward*

**Gayle Chaneyfield Jenkins**, *Council Member, Central Ward*

**Joseph A. McCallum, Jr.**, *Council Member, West Ward*

**Eddie Osborne**, *Council Member-at-Large*

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